



Museum Committee (clockwise around table starting at the left): Robert G. Davidson (GA), Dr. Preston Russell (VA) (guest), Ross Gamble Perry (CT), J. Gregory Moore (NC), Nicholas Sellers (MD), Lane Woodworth Goss (MA), William Morrison (SC), President General Jay Wayne Jackson (CT), Vice Chairman James Keith Peoples (DE), LTG Orwin Clark Talbot (MD), Robert Carter Arnold (NY), Philip Burwell Roulette (MD), Sanford Chandler Jameson (MA), Duncan Packer (CT), Secretary General Philippe, marquis de

Bausset (FR), William M. Hill (VA), former President General Frank Mauran (RI) and St. Julien Ravenel Marshall, Jr., (NC). Not in photo: Chairman Warren Masters Little (MA) and Director of History and Education Jack Warren.

Indonesian Embassy (formerly the Walsh home) completed in 1901 and marveled at the “over the top” design of its many lavish rooms, spectacular staircase and renowned pipe organ. We all seemed to prefer, however, the quiet elegance and decorative restraint of Anderson House.

Plans for September include a docent-led visit to the Saint Mary’s Chapel at the National Cathedral, final resting place of Larz and Isabel Anderson. In October we will tour Anderson Cottage, now owned by the National Trust, with Ms. Sophie Linn who orchestrated its recent refurbishment. In November we will tour the fabulous mansion of Percy Belmont (son of August), completed in 1906 at double the cost of the Anderson residence.

The docent program has been designed to emphasize the historical significance of the Society of the Cincinnati and to broaden our individual knowledge of that time period. Additionally we hope to invite comparisons between this historic house museum and others that we have visited.

Our 2003 activities will conclude with a gala holiday luncheon which has been planned for December 22 at a Georgetown French restaurant.

We continually recruit new docents and would welcome hearing from anyone interested in joining us at the Society of the Cincinnati Museum at Anderson House. A record number of tour groups will be visiting us in the next several months and additional docents are welcome to join us at any time.

Warren Masters Little, Chairman

Library Committee

RECENT SCHOLARSHIP IN THE LIBRARY

Through the continuing generosity of a member of the Connecticut Society, the Society was able to offer its second research fellowship to bring a qualified scholar to the Library. The \$2,000 grant was awarded to Mark H. Danley, Ph.D., for the revision and expansion of his doctoral dissertation “Military Writings and the Theory and Practice of Strategy in the Eighteenth-Century British Army” (Kansas State University, 2001) for possible publication by an academic press. Dr. Danley spent nearly two full weeks in the Library in late May working with the Society’s extensive collection of printed and manuscript works on military art and science of the 18th century. He commented that even though many of the texts of the military treatises are now available on microfilm or in reprint form, the Society’s collection provides the unique opportunity to compare multiple texts in the original. Even more valuable to his study were the evidence of specific ownership and manuscript annotations that are found in several of the works in our collection. Dr. Danley’s research complements that of Professor Ira Gruber of Rice University, who is working closely with the Library staff on a checklist of military books known to the officers of the British Army in the 18th century.

As an historian, Dr. Danley has made extensive use of the Library’s nearly complete set of British Army Lists and other military registers as primary sources for identifying military authors and officers. As a current student of Library Science at Louisiana State University, he is also interested in the technical and bibliographic challenges of cataloging a series such as the Army List, which varied in its formal title and content over time. In his final report, he praised the Library’s high level of cataloging that is tailored to the needs of our researchers: “[it] is among the best and most effective special collections cataloging I have seen in over ten years of Ph.D.-level and post-doctoral research in 18th century history.”

The Library also received a \$2,000 scholarship grant from The Manuscript Society, an international organization devoted to the collection, preservation and scholarly use of historical manuscripts, which held the opening event of its 2003 annual meeting at Anderson House in May. The grant was used to create an eight-week paid summer internship in the Library, which was awarded to Jennifer Kenyan, a rising junior history major at George Washington University. Her principal project was to research and catalog a backlog of manuscripts in our collection involving a wide range of subjects relating to the American Revolution, the art of war, the history of the Society of the Cincinnati and Anderson

House. In addition to creating more than forty new records in our computerized catalog, she also assisted with several other Library projects, including the cleaning and shifting of rare books in the vault and the processing and shelving of recent acquisitions. Having discovered the richness of our collection, Miss Kenyan plans to return in the fall as a researcher to begin work on her senior thesis on French-American relations during the Revolution.

The Library provided supervision and working space for Zahava Rosenbloom, an intern from the graduate Museum Studies Program at George Washington University, who is preparing a proposal for an exhibition on the insignia of the Society of the Cincinnati. As part of her project, she re-housed in archival boxes the Society's collection of approximately 30 Eagles and reviewed and updated the object files for each one. Her proposed exhibition, titled "Testimonial of Virtue: 200 Years of the Society of the Cincinnati Eagle," focuses on the establishment of the Eagle as the symbol of the Society and the variations in its styles and designs through time. Under the arrangements of Mrs. Rosenbloom's for-credit internship, the Society will receive a monetary contribution from George Washington University.

These funded internships and research grants have proven to be highly rewarding, both to the recipients, who have had the chance to learn about and explore a specialized collection, and to members of the staff, who have benefited from their assistance and input. Society members who are interested in supporting future scholarship opportunities in the Library and Museum are encouraged to contact Ellen Clark, Library Director, or Jack Warren, Director of History and Education.

Thomas Clifton Etter, Jr., Chairman
Ellen McCallister Clark, Library Director



Library Committee (clockwise from left): Douglas Tyler Putnam (CT), Robert Gage Davidson (GA), Secretary General Philippe, marquis de Bausset (FR), Jean Melchior, marquis de Roquefeuil (FR), Douglas Reid Weimer (PA), Stephen Baylor Hall (PA), George Boyd, V (NY), Library Director Ellen Clark, Chairman Thomas Clifton Etter, Jr. (PA), Vice Chairman George Varick Lauder (CT), Dr. David Franklin Musto (CT), Oliver Middleton Read, 3rd (SC), Nicholas Donnell Ward (NH), Richard Bender Abell (MD), former President General Frank Mauran (RI), Dr. James Asa Shield, Jr. (VA), President General Jay Wayne Jackson (CT). In back row, left to right: William Polk Cheshire (NC), Nicholas Sellers (MD), Dr. Alexander Preston Russell (VA) and Dr. Edward Franklin Woods (NH).

Investment Committee

The Investment Committee meets twice a year to oversee the management of the Society's endowment. The members are Samuel Baldwin Carr, Jr. (MA)(Chairman), John Augustine Washington (VA)(Vice Chairman), Comte Marc d'Anselme (FR), Brian Wesley Brooke (MD), Malcolm Lee Butler (GA), former President General Frank Anderson Chisholm (GA), Andrew Crawford Clarkson, Jr. (SC), DeWitt Clinton, Jr. (NY), Tylor Field, II (RI), former President General Catesby Brooke Jones (VA), Garrison Fairfield Lane CT), Vice President General Robert Fillmore Norfleet, Jr. (VA), Treasurer General George Forrest Pragoff (DE), Douglas Tyler Putnam (CT), Robert Bland Smith, Jr. (NC), Assistant Treasurer General Jonathan Tufts Woods (NH), Alexander Penn Hill Wyrrough (MD), and President General Jay Wayne Jackson (CT) (Ex Officio).

The Society has a substantial endowment, called the Master Account, that is invested with a number of investment managers, each a specialist in a particular type of equity. The Investment Committee is supported



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by an Investment Consultant who recommends basic investment strategy to the Society (e.g., he played an important role in the development of the Society's unique Total Return Policy adopted by the Board of Directors several years ago) and evaluates the investment managers. Presently our portfolio is invested approximately two-thirds in equities and one-third in fixed income vehicles. This mix historically provides approxi-



French and American Scholars Committee (left to right): George Carter Paine, II (NC), Henry Burnett Fishburne, Jr. (SC), President General Jay Wayne Jackson (CT), former Secretary General Edward J. Smith, Jr. (MD), Vice Chairman William Postell Raiford (NC), Nicholas Sellers (MD) (visitor), Jean Melchoir, marquis de Roquefeuil (FR), Secretary General Philippe, marquis de Bausset (FR), Ralph Maxwell Payne (GA) and Stephen Baylor Hall (PA).

Ned has taken several classes in French language and has traveled extensively throughout Europe. Ned traveled to Paris in mid July and returned approximately a month later.

The French Society selected Paul d'Amécourt as the French Scholar for the 2003 program. Some of the people and places he visited are described in the Georgia Society and the Four Corners, Louisiana and Tri-State Association articles later in this issue.

Lloyd Noland Bell (NC), Chairman

Education Committee

The Education Committee is taking a major step forward this fall with the completion of a new teacher's guide to *Why America Is Free*. The Society's textbook has been well received by educators, but the lack of an effective teacher's guide has limited its appeal to school systems where teachers rely on published lesson plans and teaching aids to help them. The new guide is the work of Donna Passmore and Jan Smulcer, the two innovative educators who are promoting the use of *Why America Is Free* as a part of their Values Through History curriculum (to learn more about the curriculum, visit them on the internet at www.valuesthroughhistory.org).

On August 6-8, the Society, in partnership with Gunston Hall Plantation in Lorton, Virginia, presented a second Summer Teacher Institute on the American Revolution. Sessions were held at Gunston Hall (the historic home of George Mason, the Father of the Bill of



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(left to right): Vice Chairman Christopher R. Kroman (DE), Oliver M. Read, 3rd (SC), William W. Anderson (SC), Charles L. Coltman, III (PA), Dr. Preston Russell (VA), Jean Mechior, marquis de Roquefeuil (FR), Assistant Secretary General Kleber S. Masterson, Jr. (MA) and Secretary General Philippe, marquis de Bausset-Roquefort (FR).

Rights) and at Anderson House. Jack Warren, the Society's Director of History and Education, led the teachers in discussions of the military history of the Revolutionary War and the dramatic transformation of American political leadership brought on by the Revolution. This year's institute also included presentations on revolutionary changes in the American economy by historian and author Bruce Ragsdale as well as presentations on the cultural history of the Revolution by author Karin Calvert. The Society's Library Director, Ellen Clark, introduced the teachers to the Society's library. Some 35 teachers participated in this year's institute.

The committee is developing plans for the spring meeting of the George Washington Distinguished Professors and Scholars, now scheduled for April 2004. The group of present and past professors and scholars is growing, as is the significance of the annual meeting as a forum for new work on the revolutionary era.

Christopher Moffitt, Chairman



Margaret Whitehead, Françoise Jackson and Jay Wayne Jackson enjoy an evening at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Denis Buchanan Woodfield in Princeton on May 2.

luncheon in the guise of an impersonator and told how he had instilled military discipline, instituted training in battle-field tactics and adopted measures to protect the health of the troops. His actions contributed significantly to the victory of the American forces.

The New Jersey flag is now mounted on the third floor of Anderson House, adjacent the New Jersey rooms. It is on loan from the New Jersey Society. A photograph of the flag was published in the Spring 2003 issue of *Cincinnati Fourteen*. A portrait of General Joseph Bloomfield, an original member and second president of the New Jersey Society, has been hung in the New Jersey rooms at Anderson House with an identifying nameplate.

Member William Harper Forman's paper on his ancestor titled "Brigadier General David Forman: Service in the American Revolution" has been printed and distributed to all New Jersey members.

Two applications for hereditary membership were approved:

Ross Warne Maghan, III in the right of original member Captain John Holmes, First New Jersey Regiment.

Louis D. Burkhalter, Jr. in the right of original member First Lieutenant W. Curtenius Schenck, First New Jersey Regiment.

Members and their spouses enjoyed an unforgettable evening at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Denis Buchanan Woodfield in Princeton. Thanks are extended to them.

The State Society of the Cincinnati of Pennsylvania

Coventry House has a long and distinguished history. Located in Chester County, Pennsylvania, it was built in 1733 by Samuel Nutt, a wealthy iron master. He had started the second forge in the State about 15 years earlier. Mr. Nutt's stepdaughter, Rebecca, married Robert Grace, also a metallurgist. They moved into Coventry House in 1740 and together managed the iron works.

The Graces were good friends with Benjamin Franklin and once

helped him out of financial difficulties. In appreciation, he gave the Graces rights to a new kind of stove he had designed. One of the first was installed in Coventry House for a test. It worked very well and many more were made in the nearby foundry. Franklin's efficient design is still in widespread use today.



Coventry House in Chester County, Pennsylvania.

In 1825, Caleb North, a relative of Rebecca Grace, bought Coventry House. He was a hero of the Revolutionary War, having fought in many battles and having achieved the rank of Colonel. After the war, Caleb North participated in the founding of the Society of the Cincinnati and his line is carried on today by Philippus Miller V and his son, Philippus Miller VI. Caleb North resided at Coventry House until his death in 1840. Well into his 80s, he was the last surviving original member of the Society. After 1840, the House had a variety of owners and uses including serving as a private school.

In 1976, Coventry House and 15 surrounding acres were taken over by the French and Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust. The Trust now operates the property which is on the National Register of Historic Places. Extensive renovations are underway and visitors are invited to stop by and see the work in process.

For a number of years the Pennsylvania Society has contributed to the French and Pickering Creeks Trust and supported its efforts to restore and interpret this historic treasure.

The Society held a luncheon for members and their ladies on May 21, 2003, at the Philadelphia Club. Our vice president, John Peter Gabriel Muhlenberg, M.D., gave a talk on the Muhlenberg family history during and after the Revolutionary War.

Laurence Corlies Murdoch, Jr., Past President